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President's Message

Things are starting to get pretty busy at this time of the year. Presidential Elections, Club Elections, Thanksgiving, Christmas, plans for our 2013 AARA Hamfest need to get under way, no rest in sight.

Our November General Meeting will consist of the Club President (Herman KN5GRK) picking a nominating committee and chairman for officers for 2013 - 2014. The committee will consist of two board members and two voting members in good standing. If you would like to volunteer as being a part of this committee and save the President having to appoint someone, contact President Herman Campbell KN5GRK. The President will delegate a Chairperson (Nick Pugh K5QXJ has volunteered to be Chairperson). I would advise all members to read the bylaws about election and the duties of officers. That info can be found at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/bylaws/bylaws2007.htm>

Some of our present officers have made it known to me that they would not run for office for the upcoming year. They are Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF, Club Secretary and myself Herman Campbell KN5GRK. There may be others later. So now is a good time to make it known that you like to run and be a major part of this organization.

Our AARA Hamfest 2013 (March 8th & 9th) is already getting some inquiries, so I think it is time to get the ball rolling. There is a lot of work involved in putting on this event, hopefully some of the guys and gals involved in or 2012 Hamfest will continue to help or at least Elmer the newcomers. The website needs to be updated, schedules for forums & events planned, admission & RV fees and if we plan to do the Crawfish Boil again.

Jess KF5LUL will be heading up the **Cajun Cup 10K Run** taking place on Saturday November 10, 2012, he will probably update us at the November General Meeting and maybe have "T" shirts for the volunteers.

I would also like to mention that we have a "**Kid's Net**" on Thursday nights (except the 1st Thursday of each month - club meeting night) at 7:00 PM on the 146.820 (pl. 103.5) repeater in Lafayette EchoLink Node 370324. Abbi KF5BEW & Kendra KF5FYS are net control operators and do a very fine job but are lacking check-ins. How about checking in and supporting their cause and maybe sharing some of your experiences you might be having as a newcomer to ham radio. *BTW, this net is not limited to just kids, they will accept any age group.*

I am making it officially known that as January 1st, 2013, I will no longer call the Gulf Coast Sideband Net on Monday night at 0030 UTS on 3925 KHz.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK
AARA President

The AARA General Meeting will take place on Thursday, November 1st, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA.

VE Testing will be at 6:00 PM

Boy Scout Winter Camp Radio Merit Badge Course

Plans for Amateur Radio Operator support for the Boy Scout's Winter Camp at Mountain Bayou Lake Boy Scout Camp for the period November 16 thru November 20, 2012 are as follows:

Ham Operators from both the Amateur Radio Club of Central Louisiana up at Alexandria and from the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association of Lafayette will be supporting this year's Winter Camp program. Jim Bookter (N5NVP), Jim Molan (KD5IGG) & Archie Hill (W5AG) will be on hand to lead the scouts in their Radio Merit Badge course of study. Glen Thibodeaux (KF5FNP) and probably his brother Wayne (AF5EJ) will be pulling the trailer mounted antenna and setting it up on site to support the Amateur Radio Communications necessary to support the event. I will be carrying and setting up my new ICOM-7000 with a new antenna tuner and will be operating both CW & Single Side Band. I feel that Glen will be putting some of his WW II Vintage Military Radios on display for the Scouts to see. Additional operators are welcome to assist with radio communications and to observe. Ms Rayburn advises that 350 to 400 Scouts will be at the camp but that only about 10 to 20 will be participating in the Radio Merit Badge course.

Just for everyone's information Winter Camp 2012 will begin with the Boy Scouts Camp registration on Friday Nov 16, 2012 with classes beginning on Saturday Nov 17, 2012 and running on thru Tuesday Nov 20, 2012. There will be a small cabin with space for two radio operators who may need to remain at the camp over night. Ms Rayburn will need to know how many people plan to use these cottages so please reply and let me know if you will need a cottage and I will pass that info back to Ms Rayburn. I also need to know if you plan to eat at the camp dining facility so that I may also pass that info to Ms Rayburn.

Respectfully,
Jim Bookter (N5NVP)
Cell # 337-344-1725

DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, November 1st @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

MARA Christmas Hamfest
December 15, 2012 - Minden, LA

Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Thursday

Kid's Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

AARA OFFICERS 2012-2013

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each month at 7:00 p.m. at the
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101 North Pat Street Scott, LA

MARA Christmas Hamfest

December 15, 2012



Location:

Our Annual Christmas Hamfest is held at the Minden, LA, City Hall located on 520 Broadway St, Minden, LA.

Times:

8:00 am doors open.

Prize drawing held approximately 2:00-3:00 pm, with door prizes being drawn periodically during the event.

Talk-In: 147.300 PL186.2 (NLA Link System)

Swap tables will be available for \$5 per table for those who wish to sell merchandise.

Tickets:

Entrance tickets are \$5 each, available at door at the hamfest.

Prize tickets for the drawings are available at door or from club members and are priced: \$1 each, 6-\$5, 15-\$10, 35-\$20, 50-\$25, 100-\$50.

Tickets may be obtained from any member or contact Fran, KD5LKB, or Dusty, N5COL (email addresses at 'Contact Us' on main menu strip, top of page).

VE Testing - all levels, 9am to 12pm

<http://www.n5rd.org/activity.htm>

Presidential Election Day

Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

**Regardless who you vote for,
just make sure you get out and
vote. Bring a friend along that
needs transportation.**

Remember, a picture ID will be required in order to cast your ballot and you have a three minute time limit.

October VE Test Session Results

The October 2012 VE test session prior to the AARA General Meeting had the following results.

Receiving Tech Class License:

- Jared P. Broussard - KF5SEQ of Carencro, LA.
- Carson D. Nunez - KF5SER of Erath, LA.
- Joshua C. Adkisson - KF5SEP of Lafayette, LA.

Upgrades:

- Abigail Wilson - KF5BEW of Lafayette, LA is now a General Class.
- Patrick Achord - KB5TLU of Zachary, LA is now a Extra Class.

VE's in attendance:

- Greg Dolan II - K5LFT
- Rick Breaux - N5RLM
- Mark Saltzman - W5GTI
- Archie Hill - W5AG
- Ric Wallace - KF5KEL

Greg K5LFT

Postage Rates to Increase in January

The US Postal Service has announced that as of January 27, 2013, the cost to mail First Class letters, postcards and packages within the US will go up. The cost to mail a first class letter will be 46 cents, while the cost to mail a postcard will be 33 cents, an increase of 1 cent for each. This is the third increase for postcard postage in less than two years; in April 2011, the USPS boosted the postcard stamp price from 28 cents to 29 cents, and from 29 cents to 32 cents in January 2012. The USPS will also introduce a First Class Mail Global Forever Stamp in January. This new stamp will allow customers to mail 1-ounce letters anywhere in the world for one set price of \$1.10. The cost to mail flat-rate Priority Mail packages and letters will also increase. Click here for more information on all the 2013 postal increases.

OCTOBER 2012 AARA MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 4, 2012

CLUB MEETING:

- The AARA President Herman KN5GRK opened the meeting.
- Herman led the prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance There were 24 members in attendance and 1 visitor, Michael Glisson KB1NRO (stateside call) and VK3JNM (Australian call) from Amherst, NH.
- Members introduced themselves and gave interesting contacts during July.
- Abbigail Wilson KF5BEW, passed her General exam. Patrick Achord KB5TLU, passed his Extra exam. Carson Nunez KF5SER, Jared Broussard KF5SEQ and Joshua Adkisson KF5SEP, all passed their Technician exam. Congratulations to all!!

Minutes: The September minutes were not read as they were posted in the October LARC – accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Joy Breaux N5YCS gave the Treasurer's Report. On motion by Galen Wilson KF5BET, seconded by Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, the Treasurer's Report was approved. The Financial Report is not published in the LARC; any member wanting a copy can contact Joy N5YCS. If you pay dues of \$20.00 now, you will be paid up for 2012 & 2013.

New Business:

SPECIAL EVENT: We had a Special Event honoring the 200th Anniversary of Louisiana becoming a State and 100th Anniversary of the Louisiana Flag being adopted.

The event was held September 8th & 9th at the Lafayette Tourist Information Center. We received 786 contacts. Herman KN5GRK, brought some of the many QSL cards to the meeting for showing and have mailed out 127 certificates at the present time. Many compliments on the certificates have been received.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK, and Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, spoke about planning more Special Events.

The AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net on October 15th will be a Simplex Net at 147.420 with no pl tone.

Mark Saltzman KF5ENE, Net Controller/Manager, will be operating from the Lafayette Parish EOC. The purpose of the Simplex Net is to see if we can reach the EOC without the repeater.

There was discussion about setting a date to use an antenna analyzer to check out the antennas.

TOUR DU TECHE: The 135 mile canoe race will be October 5-7, 2012, down the Bayou Teche from Port Barre to Berwick. Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF gave an update on volunteers and what our responsibilities would be at the check points.

On October 3, 2012, I received this message from Ray Pellerin, Organizer of the race:

"Thank you for helping organize the radio operators for Tour du Teche. Last year was an awesome race and your operators made it so easy and safe for us. During the race I was able to meet all the operators at the various check points and finish lines, great group of dedicated volunteers. Without volunteers the race can not happen. This year we have 100 boats registered with in excess of 250 registered paddlers and Courreurs Des Bois."

*Thanks again,
Ray Pellerin*

Herman Campbell KN5GRK, Mike Ancona KE5COV, and Nick Pugh K5QXJ, will be connecting the repeaters (EchoLink) for the 135 miles of the race.

At the Command Station in Breaux Bridge (Crawfish Hole) we will have Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD,

Andre LeBlanc KF5LGN, Jackie Wallace, KF5PCH, Ric Wallace KF5KEL, and Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF.

The following members will be working the Check Points:

#1 (Myrons Maison de Manger in Arnaudville) Glenn Thibodeaux KF5FNP.

#2 (Parc des Pont de Pont Breaux, Breaux Bridge) George Donaldson AK2Q, and his wife CeCe

#4 (Evangeline Oak Gazebo, St. Martinville) Archie Hill W5AG and Dave Redfearn N4ELM

#5 (New Iberia City Park, New Iberia) Wayne Thibodeaux AF5EJ

#7 (Chitimacha Boat Launch, Charenton) Galen Wilson KF5BET, Abbi Wilson KF5BEW and Kendra Wilson, KF5FYS

#9 (Parc Sur la Teche, Franklin) Jess Gillion KF5LUL

#10 (Hayes Memorial Boat Launch, Patterson) Nick Pugh K5QXJ, and JoAnn Pugh KE5RPL

#11 (Red Light House, Berwick) Paul Coats AE5JU and Rudy Duchan WA6QNH

Next year the Tour du Teche IV will be on October 4-6, 2013. Hope to see you there.

Jess Gillion KF5LUL, will be the chairperson for the Cajun Cup 10K Run in November.

We need a chairperson for the following event:

Cajun ½ Marathon

On motion by George Donaldson AK2A, seconded by Nick Romero KE5MWX, the meeting was adjourned for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
AARA Secretary

TOUR DU TECHE CANOE RACE

October 5 – 7, 2012

We would like to thank all of the Amateur Radio (Ham) operators who helped with communications for the Tour du Teche Canoe Race. We had great help from the Morgan City BEARS Club. Jackie Price KA5LMZ, did a good job of coordinating the Red Lighthouse Check Point. Some of the comments from visitors ranged from nice, dedicated, and professional, along with ‘What is that?’ and ‘What ya doing?’.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK, Mike Ancona KE5COV, and Nick Pugh K5QXJ, did awesome work in connecting the repeaters (EchoLink) for the 135 miles of the race.

At the Command Station in Breaux Bridge (Crawfish Hole) we had Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, Andre LeBlanc KF5LGN, Jackie Wallace, KF5PCH, Ric Wallace KF5KEL, and Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF.

There were Check Points along the length of the Teche Bayou.

The following members worked the Check Points:

Check Point #1 (Myrons Maison de Manger in Arnaudville) Glenn Thibodeaux KF5FNP.



Check Point #1 - Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP (yellow shirt) with some un-named officials and “Go Kit” under canopy in Arnaudville.

Check Point #2 (Parc des Pont de Pont Breaux, Breaux Bridge) George Donaldson AK2Q, and his wife CeCe.

Check Point #4 (Evangeline Oak Gazebo, St. Martinville) Archie Hill W5AG and Dave Redfearn N4ELM.

Check Point #5 (New Iberia City Park, New Iberia) Wayne Thibodeaux AF5EJ.

Check Point #7 (Chitimacha Boat Launch, Charenton) Galen Wilson KF5BET, Abbi Wilson KF5BEW and Kendra Wilson KF5FYS.

Check Point #9 (Parc Sur la Teche, Franklin) Jess Gillion KF5LUL.

Check Point #10 (Hayes Memorial Boat Launch, Patterson) Nick Pugh K5QXJ, and JoAnn Pugh KE5RPL.



Check Point #11 - Paul Coats AE5JU and Rudy Duchan WA6QNH at Berwick Light House

Crew of the Mardi Gras Canoe

Check Point #11 (Red Light House, Berwick) Paul Coats AE5JU and Rudy Duchan WA6QNH.

Next year the Tour du Teche IV will be on October 4-6, 2013.

Hope to see you there.

Sandy KE5KJF

Larry KE5KJD

Nick K5QXJ

Chairpersons for Tour du Teche Canoe Race

OCTOBER 2012 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	36	Ø	57	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	70	4	142	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	22	Ø	50	N5LRZ Ray
Kid's Thursday Night Net	4	18	Ø	40	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	5M / 5G	Ø	13	KE5KJD Larry

"My cooking is so bad my kids thought Thanksgiving was to commemorate Pearl Harbor."
-Phyllis Diller

Acadiana Area Simplex Net

On October 15th, members of the AARA coordinated a 2 Meter Simplex Net. This Net was held in an effort to assist local amateur radio operators in evaluating their equipment performance in Simplex mode, in the case that emergency conditions would prevent the use of local VHF repeaters.

The Simplex Net was called from the Lafayette Parish EOC Amateur Radio Station, KA5EOC. The EOC station operated from downtown Lafayette at a full 45W of power, for maximum coverage of the Acadiana area.

Check-ins were taken in alphabetical order each stating call sign, name and location. Each check-in was given a signal report and then asked to state power level, antenna type and antenna height. Each check-in was logged either through direct contact or with the assistance of relays, with four rounds logged.

Participant adjustments included changes in power level, multiple types of antennas from same station, and multiple types of radios from same station. Power levels reported were from 60W to 1/2 W. Once again, antenna height and directional antennas had the best results with low power.

A total of 18 check-ins participated in the Simplex Net, most from the Lafayette area, but stations from New Iberia and Washington, La successfully contacted the EOC directly. Thanks to all that participated, and if you missed this time around, get your gear ready for the next one in early Spring 2013.

Mark W5GTI

AARA Monday Night Net Manager

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

11/1	JOANN	KE5RPL
11/3	PAUL	K5VSH
11/9	ZACHARY	KF5EUC
11/13	BETTY	K5BMC
11/20	STEVE	KC5UGC
12/2	WAYNE	AF5EJ

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

November 2012 Special Events & Contests

November 3-4 Remembering the *Edmund Fitzgerald* (Split Rock Lighthouse), W0JH. Stillwater Amateur Radio Association and Radio City Inc. Stillwater, MN. 21.360, 14.260, 7.260, 3.860.

November 7-10 US Marine Corps Birthday, W5M. Don Greenwood, K5DLO. Spiro, OK. 14.317, 14.240, 7.260.

November 9-12 Brick Wall Sculpture/Community Arts Council. World's Largest Cuckoo Clock/Brick Wall Sculpture Kick-Off, W8B. Sugarcreek, OH. 14.250, 7.250.

November 10-12 Veterans Day, K8V. Mich-A-Con Amateur Radio Club. Iron Mountain, MI. 14.280, 14.090, 7.230.

Refer to the November issue of QST (page 98) for additional information and more listings of contests and "Special Event Stations".

TIME CHANGE

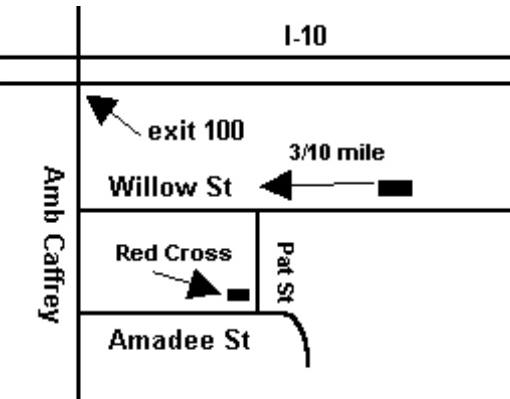
We will resort back to **STANDARD TIME** at 2:00 AM Sunday, November 4, 2012.

So don't forget to set your clocks **back** one hour when you go to bed Saturday night.



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AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday November 1st, 2012 - 7:00 PM
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM – 2:00 PM

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA
Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

**COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE**

Turkeyettie
Pat Taylor

6 cups Cooked turkey or chicken	4 stalks Celery, chopped
1 16 oz can Cream of Mushroom soup	1 small pkg Frozen peas
1 Onion, chopped	1 lb Shredded Cheddar cheese
	1 pkg Spaghetti noodles

Break noodles into thirds. Cook until tender.

While noodles are cooking, mix, Turkey, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Onions, Celery and peas together in a bowl.

Drain Noodles, and mix into mixture with a handful of cheese.

Pour mixture into a baking dish and bake for about 15 minutes at 350°.

Spread remaining cheese on top and return to oven until cheese is melted.

Send your favorite recipes to:
Galen KF5BET
galenw@cox.net



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

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